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Re: Request for extension of comment period: Methylene Chloride and N-Methylpyrrolidone;
Regulation of Certain Uses Under TSCA § 6(a) (docket ID EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231)

Dear Mr. Darling:

Thank you for your letter of April 1, 2017, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting that the comment period for the proposed rule on the uses of methylene chloride and N-methylpyrrolidone in paint and coating removal (RIN 2070-AK07) be extended by 120 days to August 17, 2017.

We appreciate your participation in the comment process. We have decided to partially grant this request by extending the comment period for 30 days for the proposed rule on methylene chloride and N-methylpyrrolidone in paint and coating removal in the interest of receiving comprehensive public comment for the benefit of the current rule. The comment period for the proposed rule will now remain open until May 19, 2017. The Agency believes 30 days beyond the current comment period of 90 days to be sufficient for receiving additional comment without creating further delays in subsequent administrative steps related to either the current or future rule proposals.

Any questions regarding this response should be directed to Joel Wolf at (202) 564-0432.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wendy C. Hamnett", is positioned above the typed name.

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Acting Assistant Administrator